



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 1148

LCO No. 4831



Referred to Committee on GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION
AND ELECTIONS

Introduced by:
(GAE)

***AN ACT REDEFINING "MEETING" FOR PURPOSES OF THE
FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General
Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subdivision (2) of section 1-200 of the general statutes is
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
3 *1, 2013*):

4 (2) "Meeting" means any hearing or other proceeding of a public
5 agency, any convening or assembly of a quorum of a multimember
6 public agency, and any communication by or to a quorum of a
7 multimember public agency, whether in person or by means of
8 electronic equipment, to discuss or act upon a matter over which the
9 public agency has supervision, control, jurisdiction or advisory power.
10 "Meeting" does not include: (A) Any meeting of a personnel search
11 committee for executive level employment candidates; (B) any chance
12 meeting, or a social meeting neither planned nor intended for the
13 purpose of discussing matters relating to official business; (C) strategy
14 or negotiations with respect to collective bargaining; (D) a caucus of

15 members of a single political party notwithstanding that such
 16 members also constitute a quorum of a public agency; (E) negotiations
 17 between members of different political parties who are in a leadership
 18 position, with respect to proposed legislation or a proposed action of
 19 the public agency to which such members belong, notwithstanding
 20 that such members also constitute a quorum of a public agency; (F) an
 21 administrative or staff meeting of a single-member public agency; and
 22 (G) communication limited to notice of meetings of any public agency
 23 or the agendas thereof. A quorum of the members of a public agency
 24 who are present at any event which has been noticed and conducted as
 25 a meeting of another public agency under the provisions of the
 26 Freedom of Information Act shall not be deemed to be holding a
 27 meeting of the public agency of which they are members as a result of
 28 their presence at such event.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	July 1, 2013	1-200(2)
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Statement of Purpose:

To exempt certain negotiations between the leaders of political parties from being considered a meeting for purposes of the Freedom of Information Act.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]